

April 28, 1950.

Dear Reverend Mother:

I couldn't begin my pilgrimage to Rome without sending to you this message that all throughout my pilgrimage you and your subjects will be very present in all my prayers. I consider my privilege to be very great in many ways in being able to go to Rome and there to inhale as much as I can the spirituality that is all over in that Holy City, especially to see the Holy Father and be able to attend the canonization of my Bl. Father, St. Anthony Claret, and there to meet so many confreres, among them my own brother, Rev. Joseph Mary, who, thanks to the prayers of your sisters, is now what he is, a fervent religious and a great orator and missionary. I will pray for all your intentions, particularly for vocations for your province and that soon you will be able to establish your quarters in the Golden West.

You know how thankful I am to you and your sisters, and how good Our Lord was to you and to me those short years I spent in Mokence as your confessor and spiritual director. It is my intention also during this pilgrimage to increase my love more and more for the Bl. Mother. This is my greatest resolution throughout this Holy Year, that my love for the Bl. Mother become up to par with my Claretian vocation. Do help me with your prayers to attain this. This I want by all means, just to live in the Heart of Our Bl. Mother, that the Heart of Our Bl. Mother be my haven and heaven on earth and that I remain there always most supple to the workings of the Holy Spirit in me so that both the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary may shape me into a living copy of Christ, our Exemplar.

God love you more and more every moment.

Your former spiritual Father in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Rev. Mother Rose Mary, Provincial,
Holy Family Academy,
Beaverville, Ill.

April 28, 1950.

My dear Friends:

Many thanks for your Easter card. I wanted several times to write to you in order to re-assure you both that I keep the Rotaldes very present in my prayers.

It is my happiness now to go to Rome. I am leaving Sunday evening by plane and I will be back June 18th. Florita wanted so much to attend the canonization of Anthony Mary Claret, so I will pray to St. Anthony Claret for you both very much; and I will bring a first class relic for you.

Continue your love for St. Anthony Claret. We all are so happy in having our Founder canonized.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild is doing very well. The Easter part in the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel was, according to different people that attended it, the nicest Easter family party ever given there. Lolita deserves so much credit. Everything went so nice and smooth and it was a great encouragement for Lolita to continue doing great things as President of the Guild, since her ability was demonstrated so manifestly with the huge success of this party at Easter.

This afternoon the Guild is going to give me a burse for my trip to Rome. I wish and we all wish that Florita still could be with us, because you still are the vice-president and your name is mentioned in every meeting.

Pray for me for a happy journey because I will be praying at the same time for you.

God bless you both with perfect happiness and health and an increase of sanctity for many years.

Your friend in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

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J. M. J.
OUR LADY ACADEMY
MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

Easter Tuesday
1950

Dear Father Aloisius,

I am very grateful to you for taking time out to write me. I was happy to know ^{the details} of your mother's saintly death, and was comforted at the knowledge of your Reclaretian brother's presence. I often thought of him and wondered how he was.

Your words of direction were most welcome. It is good to have someone who knows your aspirations and your efforts spur you on. The words follow you and are there on occasion as a reminder. I had just re-read the message given me before your letter came, in hope of sharpening my dull will. I realize that acting through pure faith is better than being led on by emotion, but I'm not too sure about my pure faith, nor am I satisfied with the amount of love I give,

even though I know that the
perfection of love must be my aim.
There is so much of "me" in me.
I fear the days when loyalty and
love will be put to the test.

If the information (supposedly
on good authority) is correct,
there are dark days ahead.
We were told Lucy of Fatima had
written the Holy Father telling
him among other things that
Anti-Christ would reign in a
temple at Wilmette. [There is a
beautiful temple not yet completed
at Wilmette just outside Chicago]
It seems the Holy Father has
instructed the Cardinals not to
elect a new pope until they
find his body. Our bishop
has asked prayers for the Holy
Father after every mass until
the end of the Holy Year. An
article in The Scholastic Magazine,
reprinted from the publication
of the Redemptorist Fathers "Our
Lady of Perpetual Help" gives the
account of the Blessed Virgin's
appearing to a young girl in Italy.
So this girl the B.V. said our Holy
Father was in great danger, but she
would free him. She again said
Russia would be converted but
would suffer much.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

Now about vacations,
Why so few? Here a few
thoughts that have come to
me. Due to mistakes made
by our pioneering Mother
we did not advertise
ourselves as "efficient Americans"
and hence earned a bad reputation
as foreigners. Too much patience
and "goodness" in keeping novices
did us harm later on. At present
we are utterly helpless in God's
hands. We cannot do what we
think would be helpful because
of the poor health of many
and the scarcity of subjects. We
have capable young sisters, but
cannot release them for study.
Our older sisters are dropping
under the load of double duty
carried for years, and the
young cannot pick up the burden.
Since you left, Sr. Aline and Sr. M.
Elizabeth have died. Sr. Margaret
Mary has had severe heart spells
and will never be able to continue
as before. Mother St. Eugene has
not been well all year. She is barely
able to remain up. Replacing Sr.
Margaret M. for a half hour singing

periods a week exhausts her. At present she is at St Mary's for tests (the third time this year.) To begin with we do not have the required number of sisters; fatigue and sickness do not lighten the burden -

After much urging and the assurance of God's blessing in vocations, Mother St. Emily accepted a calved mission. The result was that it grew beyond our power of keeping up - So. Oragdale is broken, and the others are on the way. The hoped-for vacations did not mature.

I would say our love of God is genuine; His glory and our sanctification come first. We are to have a postulant from Manteno this year. But the State now says "no credit in classes of fewer than 9." That strikes us. The question now is, "Will our small high schools be closed? From where will vacations come? As I said before we are in God's hands, all His mercy. There seems no way out, except by His miraculous intervention.

I believe that with us, as with the Trappists, our day will

I wanted to tell you that Very Rev. Mr. General is bringing a spiritual banquet to the Holy Father when she goes to Rome. Manteno contributed 47,878 masses, 28,980 holy communions and 71,831 rosaries. Several of us offered the entire year for Our Holy Father. I, for one, have a real affection for him and remember him daily at mass with you and Sr. M. mediatrix.

The latter is at St. Mary's - some knee trouble. She is supposed to return to Mercy in Chicago this month for more oxygen in the head. The treatment is extremely painful.

It would be very pleasant to see you in Chicago, but it would be much nicer to have you offer holy mass in our chapel and have time for talk. Since neither seems probable we do not let ourselves think about it. You can send us a blessing though, and God will do His work through us.

Sr. St. Sebastian is a valiant soul!

Prayerfully,

Sister Mary Catherine.

come, but when? At one time I saw novices coming constantly from the left and from the right and then proceed forward. To be sure I was not imagining I opened my eyes and looked about a while to efface any possible image as soon as I returned to prayer, the procession began again. Our older sisters say Our Father saw numerous novices in the future. The Canadian sisters believe the prophecy referred to them since they have over 500 subjects. Before the last general chapter they wanted more delegates and desired the transfer of the mother house. The ecclesiastical authorities pushing the issue died before obtaining their request. Rome asked them to divide into provinces, but did not think it apposite to change the mother house. Of course we want to keep France as the mother house. The health of the young French girl is very poor and most who attempt religious life must leave. We have only one postulant and five novices in France. Such is our predicament. I see no way out — humanly speaking.

HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE
Highcliffé-on-Sea,
Christchurch, Hants.,
England

Easter Blessings!

Christmas came and went and I didn't even get the time to send out at least a card to let you know that I had been thinking of you. With Easter just a few weeks off, I'm determined that, even if I have to burn the midnight oil, I will get a few words off to you - to strengthen your faith in miracles! So here I am.

Nearly a year has gone by since my last "mass produced" letter - sorry that this must be so impersonal also but lack of free time makes it a necessity - and what an active and happy twelve months it has been.

We had a very short "honeymoon" after ordinations and then returned to Streetly and our books. We still had a few months of study left before final exams. Once they were successfully passed, Frs. Bartlett and Salvadore left immediately to take up their assignments. Fr. Bartlett is curate in our parish at Hayes and Fr. Salvadore at Loughton. Both are suburbs of London. I stayed on in Streetly for a few extra weeks to finish off some work I had started. As I had been assigned to Highcliffé and didn't have to be there until the end of August, I wasn't in any hurry to leave. The 15th of June was the sad day of departure. Yep, it was with a heavy heart that I left Streetly. Though my first year there wasn't always too rosy, still the other three were among my happiest yet. In my treasure chest of memories, Streetly and Oscott and all the happy moments spent in both, are well represented.

The next two months were spent ringing doorbells - "Good afternoon, we are taking a census of the Catholics in this area and I wondered if there are any living in the house, please?" How many times that question was repeated! Our parish in Hayes boasted of about two Catholic families around forty years ago when we started it at the invitation of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Hayes, then barely deserving the name town, has grown terrifically since and today numbers some 60,000 people. The Fathers had never taken a complete census of the area so no one knew for sure how many Catholics there were. Fr. Stephan, the present pastor and also our major superior in this country, decided it was time a census was taken so he called all of us who had no special duties during the summer months to come and take it. It proved a grand experience. About eight of us divided the area up into section ringing some 16,000 doorbells altogether. Some had a more exciting time than others. Unfortunately, I didn't come across any door-slammers or violently anti-Catholics as most of the others did. I had one amusing experience though. I rang a bell and an elderly lady came to the door. I asked the usual and she answered very politely, "No sir, we are all Christians in this house!" I couldn't help feeling sorry for the poor woman. She didn't seem to realize that any Christianity that was in her religion was taken from the Catholicism that the so-called reformers sought in vain to destroy. On the whole the non-Catholics I met were very polite and many really interested in the Church. Many, however, betrayed their thoughts by the looks on their faces - "No, we are all sane in this house!" For them there was and still is a prayer. The good effect the census had on Catholics was most encouraging. Many who had not practised their religion for years were easily convinced of the folly of their ways and have since returned. We all found that as always a patient ear & kind word worked miracles. When all the results were in, we found that there are some 4 to 5 thousand Catholics in the parish. How it has grown through the years!

As much as I enjoyed the time spent in Hayes, I was still glad when August 17th came around and we got the train for Highcliffé. I was anxious to get settled

in my new home. How nice it would be if you could hop a jet and come over for an afternoon! I'm sure you would enjoy seeing our 'castle.' Truly it is lovely and ideally situated in one of the nicest parts of the country, for Hampshire is really the California of England. The building is set some 300 yards from the cliff's edge which overlooks the English Channel. The Isle of Wight is directly across from us. Hence in summer we are able to make use of our semi-private beach. The castle itself is quite modern. It was built by Lord Stuart de Ros in 1830. Many of the external decorations, gargoyles, arches, etc. as well as the stained glass in the great hall and library and one complete sculptured oriel window date from the 12th to 15th centuries and were brought here from Normandy. It was a real show place in its day. Kings and Queens and renowned foreign diplomats were frequent visitors. In fact, The Kaiser spent a few weeks here in 1907. Right after the war (2nd) the family sold out. It was a convalescent home for one year, a real estate agent bought it as an investment, and, thanks to the bank which loaned us the money, we took possession in August, 1953. The circumstances which brought the property to our notice and enabled us to close the deal were for us all still another example of Divine Providence in act. Here we are, established in a 100 room mansion, which we could almost say was built for our needs, penniless and yet prospering with a future as bright as could be. God is good.

We use the castle at present as our novitiate and juniorate. In time we hope to get another property for the juniors, move the novices to Streetly and have our major seminary here. When that day will come God alone knows and HE's keeping mum! As a matter of interest, this year there are eight novices and we hope to have some ten for next year. It is amazing how vocations have been coming to us - again an example of God's goodness.

My work keeps me in the juniorate section of the house. I'm assistant prefect of the boys and work under Fr. Pyka, a Californian cmf, who is prefect. Together we do our best to train our 23 "angels." Though they are more like little "Devils" most of the time, still we really enjoy them and love the work.

The lads hail from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland so we are really British in the fullest sense of the word. Most are English but seven come from the emerald Isle and one each from Wales and Scotland. They range in age from 11 to 15. The system of education over here is different from that in the USA. Children start school at 5 and finish the equivalent of US grammar school at 11. That's why we have to take them so young. The tender age has its advantages but many disadvantages also, but one must take the bitter with the sweet. On the whole we are very pleased with the way they are shaping up. They are a grand bunch of lads and we hope one day will be a credit to our Order and the Church. If all goes as planned, we hope to add on another year in Sept. and increase the enrollment to 35.

We have a scholastic who helps us with the teaching but still, since the boys fall into three separate groups, we each have ended up with 25 classes a week. Believe me, it more than keeps us on our toes. Besides the classes and tending the boys from morn til night, we try to make improvements in our section as time and funds allow. We've painted up a few rooms, put in new light fixtures, etc. and in another year or so hope to have everything running smoothly.

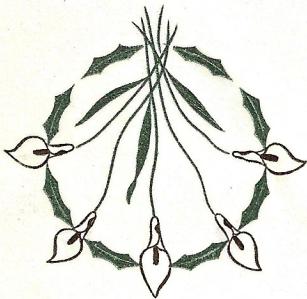
If another year goes by before you hear from this side of the "pond" again, perhaps you won't think too badly of me knowing how hard pressed for time we are. I remember you and yours daily at Holy Mass and beg a share in your prayers for us and our work. If you have the time, be sure that a letter or short note will be gratefully received. It's always nice hearing of you and yours.

Please God, I hope this finds you as well and happy as we are over here. Do have a very Happy and Blessed Easter, Bye now.

God love and bless you and yours,

Father Jim Archer, cmf.

An Easter Prayer



Holy Week
1950

My dear Spiritual Father:

I greet you with Mary
in Christ. May your Easter
be bright & joyous.

I rec'd your letter
and thank you much.
I laughed aloud to -

else. I want to live my
life alone unknown by
others. Be sure to remember
this! at Rome, do not
forget my needy soul. If possible
I'll try to write after Apr. 17.
I understood you were leaving
in May - In union with
Christ in the Mass

S.M. P.B.

myself when I read
"Do not be so tactless
with me." I hope
you will forgive me
but that was my
mood the last time
I wrote. I fear I

am for from ready to soar aloft,
although I have attained the ability to
keep cheerful for the most part in
spite of my miseries and dying
spirits. When the spirit moves
me, and the mood fits in
I'll write you of my soul-life.

Meantime, I beg you to continue to
remember my needy soul, Beseech Him
to help me to live purely & simply for
Him alone, as I desire. Oh God, I
need Him so. Under no condition mention
anything to S.M. Mediator, Bro M. Cass Mory or anyone



Easter Greetings

much to say to you which I
will never write, however I shall
say that I had to pay a heavy
price for my supreme happiness when
I saw you at my Golden Jubilee trip.

It was a terrible cross that our
dear Lord sent me, and I feel it
was only your prayers that helped
me through. I'd prefer death,
rather than another such experience.

Maybe by intuition you know
what it was or is, but thank you
a thousand times for your holy
prayers. I certainly am at peace,
and hope I'll stay this way.

Now dear Rev. Father renewing best wishes
for a Happy Easter, and promising to continue
praying for you at each Holy Mass + Communion
I am Gratefully yours
Sister Louise Marie.
S. N. D.

Dear Rev. Father,

I wish you a very,
very Happy Easter.

Sister Fina, and all our friends
are writing and telling ^{me} all the good
you are doing and about that
wonderful Recollection Day you
gave at the Plaza on the 25th.

If I only had the gift of bi-
location, I'd be ringing the bell
at 1119 Westchester Place.

Well now, a little about myself.
My throat is still 100%, since I last
saw you and I take no medicine, so
I must thank you for your very
efficacious prayers for me. I have

May Easter bring you
its brightest cheer
Its sweetest blessing, too,
God's love and peace be
in your heart

And always stay with You!

*Loving Greetings for joy and
peace. at this glorious Feast of
Easter.*

S. Louise Marie. S. & P

J. M. J.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

May 14, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am writing to beg prayers. Rev. Mother Rosemary was anointed this afternoon. She took sick two weeks ago. The doctors diagnosed double pneumonia. After a week's treatment there was little improvement, - chills and temperature of 104° recurred.

Dr. O'Brien, head of the internal medicine department of the St. Louis Medical School (Loyola U.) was called in. He changed medicines. Lungs were in a worse condition than when first X-rayed. There is slight improvement in temperature to - day. Rev. Mother suffers no pain. She is only fatigued - so tired - so tired.

The Province is making a novena to the Holy Heart of Mary. I was pretty blue yesterday. Besides losing a good friend, I do not see how we can get along without Rev. Mother now. At Mass this morning I thought Our Lord asked me to praise His Providence, so I have

praised Him all day instead
of petitioning. I am calm.
We have an excellent Jesuit
for our monthly retreat day.
His theme is love, real pas-
sional love. I believe God is
with him, for his words haunt
one for two weeks or more.
He is definitely a director and
interested in the sanctity of men,
something we have not had
since 1937-40. I am grateful
to God.

Sister Jeanne de Chantal is
very much at home here, but
since she was only "lent" so
Sr. Sebastian could finish her
college work I expect her to be
transferred in June to Champaign.

I pray for you daily at
Mass.

Sister Mary Cocherene

J. M. J.
OUR LADY ACADEMY
MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

May 20, 1951

Dear Father Augustinus
You must wonder how Rev. Mother is. She is better and will recover if complications do not set in. She was not fainting as had been decided upon because shortly before the time appointed her temperature dropped. Rev. Mother improved and her temperature became normal. She is very weak. This morning she had fever - 100°. The doctor said to expect an occasional flare up, but assured Mother St. Claire. She would get well if complications did not set in. The recovery will be a very slow process.

Sr. Mary Medatrix is not well. Mother General permitted her to spend six weeks in the country with her sister, Peggy. I have not heard if she is improving. Sister St. Sebastian was home (from Mt. Mary College) over the week-end to be present at

the baptism and first holy communion of two of our seniors. I intended writing but found no time. You will doubtless hear from her from Milwaukee.

I am enclosing a dollar for a mass of Thanksgiving — to praise the provider of good. Of course I would be glad to have you say it, but in case you don't, I know you will include it in your intentions.

I am encouraged when I remember that you pray for me. Human nature is so pitifully weak. I found it so hard yesterday to give up the chance to speak to the retreat master in favor of another who wanted an interview. I'm trying to be generous in the matter of love.

Have you noticed the poems by Sr. St. Agnes in the Immaculate Heart Messenger?

Send me your blessing when you read this.

Sister Mary Catherine

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Chalet Don Wenche, El Riego.
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May 28th - The Holy Year

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
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Reverend and dear Father:

I am filled with a desire to write you this morning about a matter that has struck me forcibly but, as I am aware, must be a subject which, though a new thought for me, is already very familiar and dear to you and your Order. It is that sometimes the excitement of even an ignorant outsider may be of use from some angle to a Cause that may have long received the prayers and enthusiasm of the better instructed. You may tell me or see that I am told if I am meddling in a thing that is not for me.

Lately I have been giving some attention to three books recently sent me by Father Frison. These are: the AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BLESSED ANTHONY MARY CLARET, THE MODERN APOSTLE and THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANTONIO CLARET. Although in English none of these volumes is as dramatically written as I see the AUTOBIOGRAPHY to have been in Spanish, or as powerfully presented as one might wish for a wider appeal to the type of Anglo Saxon mind with which we now must deal in the United States, they have all been exceedingly inspirational to me. This is for their facts, of course. Which are the FACTS of San Antonio Maria Claret. I am appalled by what was the state of my ignorance on this magnificent figure and I fear that this ignorance is in some measure shared by many North American Catholics.

In this I may be wrong, for, as you may remember, I am a convert and a convert in my 41st year which is late, indeed. It is true that I have spent the past seven years reading and studying the Church History and the Saints almost exclusively. Even so, this particular ignorance had not been allayed. And it ties in with so many problems and Causes that I have cherished, that it seems incredible.

I met the Claretians before I had received my Catholic instruction. This was in 1940 when I was filming a history of the California Missions and came to know the men of San Gabriel. Due to many favors from several of the Fathers there in that time, I was given an opportunity to place San Gabriel in one of the more important spots and with more footage of the film. In the end, we even won over Father de Prada who did not at first look upon our effort as very interesting - or so we thought. In fact, though Father de Prada was a bit aloof at first and perhaps will never know it, he made a statement to me that riveted my attention and did considerable to rouse my personal interest in Religion - in the Church. In commenting upon a rather small thing that some churchman had done he said to me, "Doesn't that prove to you that the Church is THE Church of God?" I was mystified and so he went on, "We can be so terrible and still God protects us and keeps us for two thousand years and forever. Doesn't that PROVE that He has stamped us as His Own?" Since the poor action we were discussing was exactly what the protes-

tant logic would have used to an opposed conclusion, I was first amazed and then greatly intrigued. It was one question, in the end, that had been fully answered for me in a few effective words.

However, the Claretians I had met in this semi-business way were all I knew and I did not know the great history of the Order or their founder. My first love sentimentally speaking had always been the Franciscans; and my experience with the study of Latin American history had always kept the Franciscans closely in my mind. There were so many Franciscan giants in Latin America - in every age of its life.

During the five years that I have been, this time, in residence in Mexico, I have, of course, read much in the daily press of the Claretians - simply news and particularly of the canonization proceedings. My daughter, Jacquelyn, who is a Tercera, has also shown me many of her devotions and prayers that were derived from the writings of Bishop Claret. She knew much more of him than I did. I tell you all this simply to explain why my sudden inspiration in his direction - which seems so new and fresh to me - may seem merely logical and not at all anything so special to you, Father.

When Father Frison recently wrote me something about a film that I might make now or later for the Order on Bishop Claret's life, I was most interested and thought that even if the film was not made, there might be some writing I could do in the future (even though not wholly familiar with the subject) and when I told Father Frison this, he sent me these books.

The thing has been surprising to me, not in the scope of a man who was due for canonization, but in the special SIGNIFICANCE that immediately drew itself between the several other causes in which I have been long immersed AND Saint Antonio Maria. I did not, for instance, realize that he was the founder of Catholic Action - and an active forerunner of the social justice encyclicals. It occurred to me that probably most North American Catholics do not know this either. You will be better able to estimate the accuracy of this notion, than I; but I can say that in all my study and talks with erudite and holy American priests, I never remember one outside the Claretian Order who ever mentioned him to me, though we had long discussions on Catholic Action, as the one hope of our materialistic and "practical" nation.

Another of my great loves has always been Spain and for twenty-five years, my closest associates have been Spaniards or Spanish-descended peoples. They speak frequently of Saint Claret, but they also speak frequently of many great Spanish Religious almost unknown to our Irish-descended Church in the States. Some of the greatest of these I have found almost impossible to sell to American publishers, even Catholic publishers, because of the fact that they are little known to American Catholics and so considered a commercial risk not justifying the cost of publication. This has been a very difficult problem for me. I have felt so long that it was my particular ser-

vice to represent these characters for the North American public that it has seemed impossible to turn from them to the Irish and English figures in whom I have found lesser interest of a personal nature. And I have also thought that, if it is Catholic education to which I have devoted myself, it is better to treat splendid subjects that ARE still unfamiliar to my countrymen, than to go on repeating the things everyone knows and that perhaps many are better able to treat anyway, than I might be. We have to live, but we do not have to work with an underlying idea of profit and God has been good to me to the extent of making it possible for me to continue in the things I have seen to do - at least on a minimum return basis. And this is all I ask. In any case, the work is far more desirable than any increase in remuneration could be.

Coming back to the interest in Spain; I have been shocked for a number of years at the utter misinterpretation of Spain that we see to have been accepted in a measure, at least, by American Catholics - as well as by American non-Catholics. It is true that our Catholic Press has been on the right side, but I sometimes wonder how many American Catholics actually read their own press. I have been told by such fine men as Monsignor Kirk, of blessed memory, that a large part of his confessional difficulties was over this subject. That every week he had to talk with penitents who admitted that the attitude of the Church toward Spain was "causing them to lose their faith." And he said this was usually because the subjects were, as are most Americans, addicted to the secular press and rarely read the Catholic press; and that, whereas they were willing to acknowledge that the secular press is at best sensational and inaccurate, it was still obvious that their ideas and convictions had anyway been influenced largely by the secular press and the overplay of emphasis on "democracy." But he felt they were honest enough.

This has been a great trial to me - the obtuseness and ignorance of American Catholics re Spain. I have discussed with Ted LeBerthon the roots of this problem and it is his opinion that it is not so much Franco and current events that have colored the attitude toward Spain as it is the ancient Anglo hatred and jealousy of Catholic Spain herself that opened the way for the misjudgment of modern Spain by the United States. It is quite logical, at least.

Now I come to the connection I seem to see which means that a proper exposition of Saint Antonio Maria and a full education about him in the States could be the key to a better understanding. If he initiated Catholic Action, a cause so dear to the hearts of North Americans and so representative of the trends of today, would that not be a marvelous manner in which to help wipe out the prejudice that causes Americans to look upon the Spanish clergy as reactionary and even in some way, unjust and evil? Is it not the DUTY of our own clergy to instruct everyone in their hands on the life and works of this holy man? Of course, the Claretians do this, but it is just as much the privilege and responsibility of all our clergy as it is theirs. Now that he has been canonized, how can he be overlooked?

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do not mean and have no right to criticize my superiors, but I have been strongly depressed by the seeming ignorance of many American priests in high places who have repeatedly warned me that "the state of the Church and Catholic education in Latin countries is a very poor thing, indeed." I have been asked WHY I put so much emphasis on "obscure Spanish Saints" instead of giving the North Americans something stronger into which "to get their teeth." I know this may sound incredible, but it has happened so frequently that lately I have written an article for THE AMERICAS on this subject. I have tried to show that it is not criticism or belittlement that the Latin American Catholics need, but a strong missionary aid which should be easy for richer Catholic groups to offer. There is nothing missing in faith in these countries - and the lack of solid instruction, at least in Mexico, is directly due to the dearth of Religious, their poverty and the other wrongs inflicted by the persecution which was surely aided and abetted at least in an inactive sufferance by the States.

I have no definite proposition to make anent all this, but I would like to help if I can. Lately I have been working almost exclusively for various Franciscan groups and this means for Franciscan publishers. They have much work of their own to do. I see that the books on San Antonio Maria have been published by the Order and apparently some arrangement was set up for them especially. The publisher of Sargent's book is unknown to me and undoubtedly is not a spot likely to care to ~~XXXX~~ pursue this subject further right now. I realize that maybe the Order feels that it has in that book a sufficient presentation of the material in a popular vein. And I do not care to suggest that I might do better. Still, it seems to me that THE ASSIGNMENT may not have exactly the appeal that will be the most serviceable to the Cause - or to any great numbers of people. It simply does not LOOK to me to be the best book that could be done; or the most attractive in either arrangement of material or format. Certainly it does not emphasize the DEBT that modern Catholics all owe to Bishop Claret. One may discern this, of course, but I unhappily state that I do not think our average American Catholic reader displays so much MORE discernment than other Americans. This may be uncharitable and, if so, please forgive it. But even American publishers are of the opinion that for our great reading public, it is advisable to rather "lay it on the line" i.e. to pre-digest their opinions for them. Certainly this has been the success of the secular press! As for the other volumes, they are most inspirational, but they are written for the Religious or at least in a parlance of piety from which I believe the layman in the States naturally veers away. We cannot ever overlook the Church's teachings or the doctrinal content of our subjects, but it can be done so straightforwardly that they have to accept it without that wry thought that "this is a typical sermon by a Religious." of using all timely mediums

Whether we use Saint Antonio Claret's full premise/in making an effective film of his life and works, or not, surely a book on him making the connections that are proper and that might cause our Catholics to reconsider their views on Spain in the light of the fact that the new things like Catholic Action as well as the old things like the Inquisition, have been of Spanish origin, would be a service to God and to His new Santo!

Fanchon Royer
Chalet Don Wenche, El Riego.
Apartado ~~18~~ # 41
Tehuacán, Pue., Mex.

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If the Claretians have no regular publishing house for English works, aside from treatises by members of the Order, we might interest a commercial house like Longmans, Green and Company or Macmillan in the publication of such a work. This, of course, if the Order wishes to give the permission for me to inquire and to approve the work if, upon completion, it is thought to deserve approbation. I have lately had some communication with these houses on other works and, while they have not yet accepted anything of mine, they have both given as their ONLY REASON the fact that they did not believe my subjects had a sufficiently wide appeal to the North American market to justify a conventional contract. They have both stated that they will bring out anything I care to submit on a subject for which they can see a profitable sale. Maybe they will not think Saint Antonio Maria of sufficient sales value, but, if so, this is a crying shame now. Both these houses expressed great regret that they could not in commercial conscience buy my TENTH MUSE which I later sold to the Saint Anthony Guild Press. Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz appealed to them personally and they stated the work was "exceptionally fine" but they feared it would not sell fast enough for their needs. The same applied to a biography that I did for the Holy Childhood on Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson. However, the Holy Childhood paid me to write that subject and will bring it out themselves if we do not dispose of it through commercial channels. But neither of these characters has yet been canonized.

I apologize for infringing on your busy schedule with this long dissertation, but I felt that perhaps you might see fit to talk it over with the proper persons; even more that you might pray about it and somehow let me have your advice. Maybe Father Frison could write me after that. I only wish to do this IF you all wish it and IF it is the pleasure of God because I may not be the one to do it, after all. There are many things I can do. It just seems that there is an angle here that is being overlooked and that could be practically applied to immediate problems. And I seem to feel it with particular force. I shall not attempt to judge now as to the merits of this reaction or whether it is from God or simply my own enthusiasm - and maybe ego.

Everything is fine here. My daughter, Jacquelyn, who has been conducting a school primarily of Catechism but lately also teaching reading, writing and arithmetic to the Inditos who have never been to school, had her schoolroom taken from her by the dueños of this hacienda because they feared that she was SPOILING the children who might not care to work for 2.50 pesos when they grow up "if they can read and write." However, she continues the school in the garden on fair days; and, until we can locate a tent, on our porch when it rains. I have had benches and tables made by the local carpenter. The townsmen are aghast at the ruthlessness of the dueños and are evincing a desire to help. I am proud to say that Jacquelyn was able to maintain a respectful attitude to this tyranny while not being discouraged. These Indians have nowhere to go and have lived on this lovely place for generations. Formerly the dueño allowed them to ride his bus free to Confession and Communion, but now that has been revoked for

it is held that they should be MADE to walk as "they are accustomed to do." One may imagine how long they would go to Communion weekly if they had to walk 8 kilometers before breakfast to do so. So I said we would pay and thereupon the busfare for these children was DOUBLED. However, we do not feel that it is anything but a bargain. I feared the parents would find it necessary to withdraw the children from policy, but they have not even in a single case, so I think they have more independence than the action of the dueños would seem to indicate. I do not know how much besides the Catechism their lessons may mean, but I am sure that the fact that some Christians will not give in to the expedience of abandoning them to these selfish masters, may be a good lesson in itself. Also that we are Americans, who are so largely disliked on principle here, may do its bit to break down racial prejudice from the contrary angle. If so, that will be of service to Him. Jacquelyn sees to it that they all pray for these "poor persons" and teaches them not to hate them as they at first claimed to do. I enclose a recent snap of the class before the benches and desks were made. It is rather working under difficulties but no one seems to feel it.

Pray for us, Father, and our poor prayer shall be for your great work and for your great Founder.

Most appreciatively,

Fanchon Royer
Fanchon Royer

GRÁFICAS CLARET

LAURIA, 5
TELÉFONO 15013

Rev. Fr. Basil Frison C.M.F.

Barcelona, 6 de junio de 1945

*1119 Westadster Place
Los Angeles 6, Calif
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Rdo. P. Ellacuria
Bilbao.

Muy amado Padre:

Inmediatamente de llegado a Barcelona después de nuestra entrevista en ROMA me preocupé para que el P. Bertrams Vicepostulador me proporcionara las cruces con reliquia de carne.

Me encontré que todas las existencias estaban agotadas de forma que hemos tenido de hacer mil composiciones a fin de poderle servir según nuestro compromiso.

Por fin le puedo mandar:

100 cruces plateadas con carne de S. Antonio

29 " doradas " "

59 " " con tela.

180 entotal.

Las cruces en metal dorado equivalen a las 100 en blanco metal. Supongo que V.R. se hará cargo del esfuerzo e interés que hemos puesto y verá justa nuestra compensación. De todas formas si V.R. no pudiera cumplir con sus compromisos gustosamente le remitiría en la primera posibilidad el resto aún a costa de más recargo para nosotros.

Por aéreo le enviaré a Estados Unidos las reliquias con carne y podrá colocarlas en las cruces que ahora van con tela solamente. ¿Conformes? Espero sus noticias.

Suyo afmo. s.s. y hº in C.M. qsmb.

Junio 19 de 1950

M. R.

P. Norino Pollacurini C. M. F.

Los Angeles, California

Muy Reverendo y amado Padre:

Objeto de estos cuantos renglones es darle todas las bendiciones del Cielo para este su onomástico. Que San Luis Gonzaga le obtenga muchas gracias especiales en este su día de días - y en todos los días de su vida para que V. pueda guiar a la santidad a todas las almas que Dios le confía. He ofrecido veinte Dominican Days (como decimos aquí) por su intención.

Muchísimas gracias por su buena carta que recibí antes de su salida para Roma. Me sirve de gran consuelo saber que V. pide por mi alma que no tiene más anhelo que pertenecer a Dios en la unión más estrecha posible en esta tierra. Sé que es posible, aún si estoy rodeada de miles de dificultades. Me parece que la confianza, humilde y atrevida a la vez, obtendrá todo de Dios - doblemente si tiene buenos intercesores como es V., mi buen Padre.

También le doy las gracias por haber pedido a Dios que se digne darme mejor salud. Parece que tal le ha oído, porque he podido mantenerme firme al cañón del deber no obstante el trabajo fuerte e incesante. Que Dios le pague esta caridad ricamente.

Tengo una petición muy grande. Soy uno de nuestros Colegios hay dificultades grandes, debidos - me parece a un nuevo profesor que se ganó las simpatías de la Superiora. Hay peligro que dos personas que durante quince años han dado sus servicios al Instituto se queden en la calle. Hasta ahora he hecho lo posible para evitarlo - pero me doy cuenta de que hay un sacerdote de mucho prestigio de por medio. Me parece contra la equidad. Apéndice, por favor, a encomendar este asunto a Dios - y todos los días: 4. mil!

Otra vez: que Dios le colme de Sus gracias más escogidas y que haga de su alma sacerdotal una "obra maestra" de santidad. Todo lo pido por V. diariamente. Mucho, por favor, en santa bendición a

La afm. y agnoscida hermana en X^{to} Reg,

M. M. Pius, O.P.

J. M. J.

Judge Memorial Convent
Salt Lake, Utah.

June 20, 1951

Reverend Father Aloysius,

Dear Father,

May you have a
wonderful Happy Feast and
I shall offer up all my
prayers for you tomorrow,
through the Immaculate
Heart of Mary, that She may
make you just like Her
Our Dear Son, Jesus.

I am sorry I didn't get my
greeting to you on time
but Our Lord will have
to bring it to you. I shall
ask Him to do so after
Holy Communion tomorrow.

as far as the scruples
are concerned - but I have
to keep my fingers crossed -
I may yet be deluged with
them. Please God - if and
I hope it may be - when
I get to Heaven, those are
the people I'd like to help -
the scrupulous ones. So
much for myself.

May the Sacred Heart
of Jesus love and bless
His Favored Son and may
Mary Immaculate obtain
all the desires of your heart.
I try to say the prayer
to St. Anthony daily
and I treasure your lovely
letter and message to be
like St. Gertrude The Great.
God Bless you always, dear Father,
Your devoted Sister Mary of the Passion

the University. We had the register yesterday. A Jesuit Fr. M^{rs}. Carey S.J. is giving the Retreat. I expect to attend the one in August at the Provincial House to be given by a Redemptorist.

Thank you ever so much for all your good prayers and sacrifices for me. Our Lord is exceedingly kind to me but I am so thought-less. It surely takes Infinite Patience to deal with me. I am glad He is God because He will never take no for an answer. Any one else would give up long ago. It seems to me I'm a little bit better

I hope you are happy over
your Pilgrimage to Rome,
but no doubt you are
happy and grateful to
have the peace and quiet
of home again. It will
be so grand to be able
to tell your Seminarians
all about The Holy Father
and Rome.

If you wonder why
I have one address on the
letter and another on the
envelope it is because
this week I am staying at
Judge Memorial. They are
having the Retreat at Saint
Mary-of-the-Wasatch and
four of us attend some
Music, Games and Charms at

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

¡Viva el Corazón de María!

Pamplona. A 21 de Junio de 1950. Fiesta de San Luis.

R. P. Juan Luis de Eliacuría.

Muy estimado hermano: Ayer me llegó tu carta, que ciertamente no la esperaba, por ser demasiado pronto el viaje para dedicarlo a un afán de estos. ¡Que sorpresa tan agradable!

Todavía estaba pensando en los gratísimos recuerdos que tu estancia en España hadejado a toda la familia, cuando me llega la tuya, escrita el día del Corazón de Jesús y en aquella habitación de marras de tan históricos como tristes recuerdos: la habitación de Enrique VIII y Ana Bolena, la bailarina cortesana, causante de las apostasías morales y doctrinales de todo un imperio, que ha fundado otro imperio para el infierno...

Llegaron muy bien los 10 dollars; pero, mira, al trasluz se notaban perfectamente. Cuando mandes dollars, si en alguna ocasión crees prudente el mandarlos, has de buscar papel blanco muy grueso o un papel negro, como el empleado para los envoltorios de material fotográfico; tú mismo debes hacer el ensayo de poner la carta al trasluz de un potente foco, para que de esa manera obres sobre seguro.

La familia ha quedado muy lastimada con tu marcha. Si antes te querían mucho, ahora te idolatran mucho más. Todo telo mereces, querido Juan Luis.

Lo que me dices sobre Francisco se procurará poner muy pronto en práctica. Ruega al Señor, como tú sabes hacerlo y como el cariño te inspira.

No debo pasar adelante sin felicitarte en este día opomástico tuyo, en que he tenido un Memento prolongado y nutrido de peticiones para mi querido Juan Luis... Crescas millein millia...

Regresé a esta Comunidad el 17 y ahora quedo con muchísimo trabajo. Sermones diversos, algunos de ellos muy comprometidos y, además, dos tandas de ejercicios al mismo tiempo a dos conventos de religiosas de esta plaza.

Escribeme pronto sobre las impresiones de ahí. Martillas, turrón, rosarios, etc. La familia quiere esta clase de noticias. Ya he mandado tus noticias, - las de tu carta a la familia. El sistema que he de seguir para escribirles es, dirigirme cada semana a diferente familia. Tú procura escribir a cada 15 días a un familiar o, si te parece mucho, cada mes a un familiar, por ejemplo el primero de cada mes y ya está bien, porque unos a otros se irán enterando y preguntando.

No sé todavía el resultado de los exámenes de Juan Luis.

En Villanueva, campo donde está Pabito, ha explotado el polvorín y han muerto varios y hay 75 heridos. Parece que Pachito se ha librado, gracias a Dios.

No puedo ser largo hoy, porque debo preparar pláticas y el sermón de San Juan en la Catedral, que, según dice el P. Superior tiene que quedar extraordinariamente bien, superando lo superable. Que sea lo que el Señor quiera.

Todavía no sabemos nada sobre nombramientos provinciales. Creo que hay mar de fondo... En cuanto sepa

Vive Cristo Rey!
Vive el Corazón de María!

...e inmediatamente lo comunicaré a lo definitivo.

Adios, querido Juan Luis y hasta muy pronto.

Te quiero de veras y espero que no lo olvides en ningún momento ante el Señor tu hermano que tampoco te olvidará.

Muy estimado hermano: Ayer me llegó tu carta, que ciertamente no la esperaba, por ser demorado pronto el viaje para dedicarlo un día de estos. ¡Que sorpresas tan agradables!

Yo sé que estás pensando en los gratísimos recuerdos que te quedan en España habiendo a toda la familia cuando me llega la tuya, escrita el día del Corazón de Jesús y en aquella habitación de mi casa de tan históricos como tristes recuerdos: la habitación de Enrique VIII y Ana Bolina, la ballarina cortés, casaca de las españolas moras, las y doctores de todo un imperio, que ha pasado otro invierno para el invierno...

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-JHS-

Madrid 23 de Junio de 1,950

Rvdº P. Aloisius Ellacuria
Los Angeles.-

Reverendo Padre:

Abusando de la confianza que tan generosamente nos brindó en nuestra entrevista de Bilbao, me permito mandarle estas letras de respetuoso saludo y de ampliación de las ideas que tratamos.-

Le decía, que nuestra empresa persigue un cine moralizador y de calidad; para éllo, nos interesa muchísimo la colaboración de los católicos Norteamericanos que se dedican al cine en esa Ciudad; sobre todo tratándose de personalidades tan conocidas y tan católicas como Loretta Young y su esposo, Irene Dunne.....

De esta colaboración sobrevendrían buenos beneficios para ambas partes y para el apostolado católico del cine.-Trataré de explicárselo, y, para éllo, le voy a exponer la labor ya realizada por la Empresa en España, para que juzguen de su calidad y capacidad económica; después haré referencia a los distintos planes de colaboración que se podrían estudiar.-

La Empresa que de hace un año a esta parte viene funcionando bajo la razón social "CHAPALO FILM", y que, después de la ampliación de capital se llama "FILMADORA INTERNACIONAL" lleva realizadas, bajo la dirección del primer Director español DN. JOSE LUIS SAENZ DE HEREDIA, dos películas.-

clase de facilidades en España y países de habla española todas las películas que ellos nos enviaran, seleccionadas con criterio constructivo y

2º.-De COPRODUCCION: Nosotros financiaríamos la total realización en España de películas norteamericanas, con Director e intérpretes elegidos por ellos, a cambio de la mitad de la DISTRIBUCION de dichas películas o de una cantidad en dólares que se estudiaría; pero que siempre resultaría insignificante comparada con el costo de esa misma película realizada en Norteamérica.-

Sobre éstas bases podríamos llegar a otros muchos acuerdos beneficiosos para ambas partes y para nuestro fin apostólico, como introducción en España de la película de 16 mm., de aparatos de televisión etc. etc.-En un próximo viaje de un Delegado nuestro se podrían tratar más detalladamente éstas cuestiones:-

Estoy seguro, Revdº P. Ellacuria, que su mediación en todas éstas cosas, nos será preciosa.-

Agradézcosele de todo corazón y aprovecho esta coyuntura para reiterarme de Vd. amigo y s.s.q.b.s.m.

Angel Ruiz de el Ritz

1ª.-"LA MIES ES MUCHA", de tema misional, que acaparó el pasado año todos los primeros premios de la producción nacional, y ha triplicado el capital invertido "2.500.000" Pts., como puede comprobarse fácilmente en los Libros de Contabilidad de la Distribuidora: "BALLESTEROS S.A." MADRID.-

2ª.-"DON JUAN", cuyo rodaje se acaba esta semana, y que ya ha sido seleccionada entre todas las películas españolas de este año (incluidas las premiadas en el recién finado certámen Hispano Americano) para concurrir en representación de la producción española a la BIENALE DE VENEZIA del próximo Agosto, siendo la primera película española que acude, por propios méritos a un concurso internacional.- En realidad ésta va a ser nuestra primera película, pues la anterior se lanzó cuando aún ninguno de nosotros (del OPUS DEI) formábamos parte de la Empresa.-

Se ha rodado esta película en plan de gran super-producción, con derroche de medios (7.000.000 Pts), cifra record en España, con reparto internacional, encabezado por Annabella (compañera de Loretta Young en la película "SUEZ").-Me gustaría que prestaran atención al papel que desempeñe nuestra película en dicho próximo Certámen Internacional de Venecia.-

Además de Annabella, contamos con la exclusiva de los actores Sara Montiel y Jorge Mistral, protagonistas de "Locura de Amor", ambos solicitados por casas productoras de Hollywood, con Ann Antonio Vilar portugués, protagonista de "Camoens" y de nuestro "Dn. Juan" etc....-

Esto es lo que nosotros tenemos; pero nuestro plan, como toda obra de apostolado católico, es sana y santamente ambicioso; por ello, veríamos con agrado varios planes de colaboración con estos Srs. norteamericanos amigos suyos, que podrían ser:

1ª.-De DISTRIBUCION: Nuestra Empresa distribuiría con toda

June 26, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Czarnecki:

On my return from Rome I found your letter on my desk and it was a great shock to me to know ~~about~~ your brother, Ray's, passing away May 5th at the Hines Hospital. May his good soul rest in peace. I feel a very great compassion for your mother and for you all. This is another most severe trial that Our Lord wants you to go through, and let us keep asking Him to give you all the grace of enduring well this trial. I believe this hit Father Henry very hard, to say nothing about your dearest mother. It is surprising how much she stood in spite of her heart ailment. I am writing to Father Henry giving him the deepest condolence in this great sorrow.

Extend my best regards to your dear husband and children and to Virginia and Leo, and let us pray very much that your mother may stand all this sorrow the way the Blessed Mother stood her sorrow at the foot of the Cross.

God bless you all.

Most sincerely your friend in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Marie Czarnecki,
1304 East 93rd St.,
Chicago, Ill.

June 26, 1950.

Home Sewing Group - Long Island,
179 Berry Street,
Valley Stream, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I was in Europe when your invoice arrived, and regret that I was unable to give it prompt attention.

I enclose herewith our check for \$45.62.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Hieronymus Eliauria,
C.M.F.

June 26, 1950.

Dear Sister:

On my return from Rome I found your letter of May 21st requesting the fifteen Holy Masses. I have given them immediate attention.

It was a great privilege for me to attend the canonization of St. Anthony Mary Claret and to see and hear the Holy Father and live in Rome, though it was for such a short time.

May St. Anthony Mary Claret continue blessing your Institute which is a part of his own heart.

Extend my best regards to Sister Ann Loyola.
Commending myself once more to your prayers,

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,

Sister M. Raymond, I.H.M.,
Immaculate Heart Convent,
5515 Franklin Avenue,
Los Angeles 28, Calif.

June 26, 1950.

Dear Jose:

I was away when your letter came. As soon as I returned I found your letter and, to know something definite, I presented it to Father Superior and spoke to Father Provincial. Father Provincial says no chance of coming back.

However, now I say that if you insist, ask him again and again inspite of the first denial. You never know but that you may have a chance in the end and they might tell you Yes. So I advise you to write to Father Superior and even to Father Provincial telling them the way you feel, telling them that you wrote to me and that there was no chance, but that you still feel strongly your vocation and you want to insist.

I will be praying for you in the meanwhile, and try to live up to the standards of a future priest. I will be glad to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Jose Hinchos,
3119 Cypress St.,
El Paso, Texas.

ST. GENEVIEVE CONVENT

4846 MONTANA STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

June 26, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

Your letter of April 15th. has certainly been a great help to me, Father, and I just wonder what I would ever do without you.

I am disappointed to have to tell you that I have fallen short of your expectations several times however, I am trying. Temptations are still a source of annoyance and there have been countless sufferings from some of the Sisters.

My superior, who is an extremely religious person, has helped me many times, as she is so understanding and, has suffered a great deal herself from these same Sisters.

We are leaving Chicago tomorrow, June 27th for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods where I shall remain until August 15th. I am going with great determination to spend these six weeks alone, with God. Of course, I shall be attending three classes but, aside from that, I am going to try to give the rest of the day to Him. I know it is the only way I can be happy.

Please redouble your prayers for me, Father.

J.M. J.T.

Carmel of St. Joseph
3361 East Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach 3, Calif.
Jan. 29, 1950.

Dear Christi:

My Father in Christ:

It was really our Lord's will that you have not written. I have really been glad, although nothing could give me more pleasure than to hear from you. It sounds like a contradiction, but I think you understand what I mean. Our Lord has kept me interiorly humiliated lately so that I'm glad He does not send me this consolation. I don't know how to explain, and I've been wondering if it is the "dark night" again.

The first of the year I decided to make an act of faith in our Lord's guidance through my Superior and I asked Him to

denier at noon so as to eat in
comfort. Lately I have been using
the drops afterwards instead, and
I assure you, Father, it is a good
perseverance, much better than the
discipline. Today I continue? I
don't think it will injure my
health any.... And may I sleep
in a cruciform position, or rather,
go & sleep that way?

Rev. Mother wished me to
tell you she has been disappointed
not seeing you at the Open House.
You would be most welcome with
all the novices. So many of the
seminarians from Compton have
been over! Our Open House lasts
until Sat., Feb. 4th, but Chretiens
will be welcome also on Feb. 5th.

I beg your blessing Father, &
please make it a special one this
time.

God reward you for every
thing, especially for your patience
with and your prayers for
your unworthy child in Christ,
Omar & Jean & Co